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Date: 08/11/80

Time: 11:43 A.M.

Place: LCSD

W.P.
 Saturday August 2, 1980 I worked at 69 Milling Company until noon. I got off work at noon and walked over to Robert Spruilla's house. Robert lives on 69 down from the mill. I got Robert to take me to town. In town I went to A & P Grocery and bought some chicken and pork roast. Robert then took me to the Package Store and I bought a fifth of gin. Me and Robert left the Package Store and went to Sonny Ray Janis's house on Nashville Ferry Road. We talked awhile down there and me and Robert picked up two girls, one named Teen LNU, and Penrita LNU. We then went to Jessie Hargrow's house. We all got out at Jessie's house. When we got to Jessie's house Mack Arthur King, Mary Hargrow, Jessie Hargrow, and Mary's kids were there. We arrived at Jessie's house at approximately 3:30 or 4:00 the afternoon of August 2, 1980. Robert drives a Blue Pontiac Lemans. I went inside Jessie's house and stayed thirty minutes to an hour and when I came back out Mack Arthur was gone. That was the last time I saw Mack Arthur until 5:45 Sunday morning August 3, 1980. I stayed at Jessie's house W.P.

X W.P. Porter

witness: Ray Janis
 witness: M. Menden

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from Saturday afternoon August 2, 1980 until
 around 2:00 or 2:30 Sunday morning August 3,
 1980. I left Jessi's house at that time
 and walked to my house. Nobody left
 with me, I was alone. I arrived at
 my house somewhere around 3 a.m.
 Sunday morning as it takes thirty to
 thirty five minutes to walk from Jessi's
 house to my house. When I got home
 I knocked on the door and my sister
 Dorothy Porter opened the door for me.
 I went inside and laid down across
 the bed until five o'clock Sunday
 morning August 3, 1980. I got up and fed
 the chickens and dogs and about twenty
 five minutes after five Sunday morning
 I left my house and started to Loyd
 Ferguson's house. I passed Mack Arthur
 King's house on the way to Loyd's
 and Mack was standing on the front
 porch of his house. We talked a few
 minutes what Mack was doing up so early.
 Mack said he just came from his
 daddy's house. I asked Mack if his
 daddy was up yet and he said yes
 he had to go get him a drink, which
 is a drink of whisky. Mack said he
 had to go to my house and check with
 John Otis Smith about a transmission.
 I then left Mack's house and went to
 Joe Brownlee's house. I did not have
 anything to do with killing Lela Patterson
 or breaking into her house. I was

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Witness: Lynn McDonald
 Witness: Ray Harris

not with Mack Arthur King Saturday
 night August 2, 1980 except for that
 short period of time that afternoon.
 Robert Spruill and the two girls we picked
 up at Sonny Boy Jones house left Jessi's
 house shortly after we first arrived
 and I haven't seen them since, except
 I did see Robert Spruill Friday mite
 just before yall picked me up. Robert
 brought me home from Pulas Cape
 that mite. I have never been inside Lela
 Pattersons house. The only reason is
 which I think Mack Arthur King would
 lie about me being with him that
 mite is because I lied about him
 when I broke into 69 milling Company
 a while back. I said that Mack
 Arthur King was with me then and
 he wasn't. W. W. P. O.

Witness: Jim McDaniel

Witness: Ray Gunn